

WHATEVER YOU DO,

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TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER: REMAIN SILENT!

- * **DO NOT TALK TO THE POLICE!** The only information you are legally required to give them is your name. The police are allowed to lie. If you lie to a cop or a federal agent, it can be a felony, even if you just misspoke. Be safe: do not talk to them.
- * **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN**, everyone in the United States has two rights under the Fifth Amendment: the right to refuse to talk to any government agent, and the right to a lawyer.
- * When under arrest, expect intimidation and harassment by the police. They will lie to you to scare you, to extract information that they can later use to prosecute you and your comrades. The only things you need to say are your name and **"I AM GOING TO REMAIN SILENT. I WANT TO TALK TO A LAWYER."**
- * They may ask you questions such as: "Why were you at today's demonstration? Who were you with? What were you doing? They may tell you that you are legally required to answer these questions, or that they will retaliate against you if you don't. **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!** Even seemingly harmless facts can be dangerous in the hands of the police.
- * **BE MINDFUL THAT ANYTHING SAID** in the arrest vehicle, in the cells, or on the phones is now routinely recorded, and **CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU IN COURT.**
- * **IF THE POLICE COME KNOCKING, DON'T OPEN YOUR DOOR.** You don't have to let police into your home, unless they have a warrant; make sure any paper they wave at you is a real warrant, signed by a judge.

BUILD A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE

It is the role of the police to protect private property and government order. They will use violence and coercion, and break the law whenever they feel it necessary to break us down. That means it is our responsibility to support each other materially, psychologically, and emotionally as we resist the police and the state. We cannot expect that people will feel safe or comfortable resisting state power if they don't feel like they will be supported if they are arrested. It's our responsibility to protect one another. We also understand that a key tactic of state repression is to help create and exploit divisions among us in grassroots organizing and social movements. We hereby pledge to stand in solidarity with one another, across all potential divisions.

PRINCIPLES OF SOLIDARITY

We enact this principle of solidarity with one another by recognizing our individual and collective responsibility not to incriminate our fellow activists, and hereby pledge that:

- * We will not talk to the police about our comrades. This includes all levels of local, state, and federal law enforcement, jail staff, ICE, internal affairs, and citizens' police review boards.
- * We will not post incriminating information about our comrades on social media or through other forms of media.
- * We will not post incriminating video footage or photos of our comrades.
- * We also enact this principle of solidarity through the support and care we provide for one another in the face of repression. We hereby pledge to express this solidarity by showing up for court support, doing jail support, writing letters, contributing to bail and/or commissary funds, and generally offering whatever mutual aid we can.



TIPS FOR STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

- * **DON'T GO TO ACTIONS ALONE.** Have a buddy to run with during the day. Watch each other's back.
- * **DO NOT SNITCH ON EACH OTHER!** Obviously do not tell the police anything about yourself or anyone else, but also do not brag about your activities to others—especially while in custody. Do not post incriminating photos and videos, and use extreme discretion when posting anything about demonstrations. (Try to think about how that great shot will look when your fellow protester is standing before a judge.)
- * **TRY TO STAY CALM AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER DURING ARRESTS.** Remind one another to not talk to the police.
- * If you see someone being arrested, look for legal observers (in green hats) to let them know and/or call the *Massachusetts* **NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD AT 617-433-8353**. The observers and guild will do their best to track your case, and help with legal and political solidarity and support.